



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Brion Oaks, Chief Equity Officer 

DATE: December 18, 2019

SUBJECT: Equity Office Presents: *A Forum for Critical Love in Practice* – January 18, 2020

I would like to invite you and your staff to attend the Equity Office's *Forum for Critical Love in Practice* on Saturday, January 18, 2020. The event is from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Gather Venues Lamar, located at 5540 N Lamar Blvd. A light breakfast and lunch will be served.

This free event is designed to bring Austin-area organizers, community members, and City employees together to share information and resources on racial equity. The heart of the event will include breakout sessions addressing how different organizations normalize, organize, and operationalize equity, including a lunch keynote by M. Adams, Co-Executive Director of Freedom, Inc. The intent of the forum is to showcase how and where equity work is being done in and around Austin, and to have conversations about working together on equity related issues and initiatives.

Please share this information with your staff that may be interested in learning key principles of equity or are currently working on any initiatives within your department to advance equity. If you have any questions about the forum, please contact Amanda Jasso, Equity Office Program Manager, at (512) 974-9107, or at Amanda.Jasso@austintexas.gov. Space is limited to 200 participants. Please register [HERE](#) by January 13, 2020.

Attachment: Equity Forum Invitation Flyer

cc: CMO Executive Team
Department Directors
Assistant Department Directors